

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An automated teller machine for performing a cash transaction, comprising:

a currency deposit/withdraw port for depositing/withdrawing a currency;

a discriminating unit for discriminating a currency, said discriminating unit storing discriminatable range information which includes a range of country sort information indicating country sorts of paper currency discriminatable in said discriminating unit and a range of money sort indicating money sorts discriminatable in said discriminating unit;

a plurality of cassettes each thereof detachably mounted with respect to said automated teller machine and for storing therein a currency, with the currency being transferred between a cassette and the currency deposit/withdrawal port via the discriminating unit, each of said cassettes storing cassette information which includes a cassette sort indicating a type of the cassette, country sort information indicating a country of paper currency received in the cassette and money sort indicating a money sort of the paper currency received in said cassette;

a control unit for storing therein operation information used to operate said automated teller machine ~~in correspondence with a money sort of the currency stored in said cassette which is set to said automated teller machine,~~ and for performing a control operation based upon said stored operation information, said stored operation information contains country sort information indicating an area of paper currency which said automated teller machine should handle and cassette structural information indicating structure of a cassette for paper currency arranged with said automated teller machine, said stored operation information being set prior to operation of said automated teller machine, and said cassette structural information including cassette sort of a cassette for paper currency to be arranged with said automated teller machine, country sort information of paper currency to be received in the cassette and money sort indicating a money sort of the paper currency to be received in said cassette ~~discrimination information indicative of a range of a currency which is discriminated by said discriminating unit,~~ wherein said control unit acquires said cassette money sort information from cassette cassettes information which ~~[[is]]~~ are set to said automated teller machine, said control unit also acquires said discriminatable range information from said discriminating unit which is set to said automated teller machine, and judges

as to whether said acquired discriminatable range information and said cassette information
acquired from said discriminating unit and said cassettes ~~money sort information of the acquired~~
~~eassette information~~ is located within a range of said stored operation information ~~discrimination~~
~~information, said control unit operates said automated teller apparatus based upon said money sort~~
~~information of the operation information when it is so judged that said money sort information of~~
~~said acquired cassette information is made coincident with said money sort information of the~~
~~previously stored operation information; and~~

~~a staff member panel for displaying thereon, which is operated by a staff member, wherein~~
~~when it is so judged that said money sort information of said acquired cassette information is not~~
~~made coincident with said money sort information of the previously stored operation information;~~
~~said control unit displays said a fact of "non-coincidence" on said staff member panel.~~

Claim 2 (original): An automated teller machine as claimed in Claim 1 wherein:
said control unit sets, or changes said operation information stored in said control unit.

Claim 3 (original): An automated teller machine as claimed in Claim 2 wherein:
said automated teller machine is further comprised of:
a staff member panel for display thereon, which is operated by a staff member; and
said control unit sets, or changes said operation information by using said staff member
panel.

Claim 4 (original): An automated teller machine as claimed in Claim 1 wherein:
said control unit acquires cassette information from said cassette which is set to said
automated teller machine, and judges as to whether or not said acquired cassette information is
suitable for said stored operation information.

Claim 5 (original): An automated teller machine as claimed in Claim 4 wherein:
said control unit continuously performs the operation of said automated teller machine in
the case that the judgment result is suitable for said operation information.

Claim 6 (original): An automated teller machine as claimed in Claim 4 wherein:
in the case that the judgment result is not suitable for said operation information, said control unit notifies such a fact that said judgment result is not suitable for said operation information.

Claims 7-9 (cancelled).

Claim 10 (original): An automated teller machine as claimed in Claim 1 wherein:
said stored operation information contains sort information of said cassette, which indicates as to whether or not said cassette exclusively stores thereinto a currency deposited from said currency deposit/withdraw port, whether or not said cassette exclusively stores thereinto a currency withdrawn from said currency deposit/withdraw port, or whether or not said cassette stores thereinto currencies which are deposited and withdrawn from said currency deposit/ withdraw port; and

said control unit acquires such information corresponding to said sort information of said cassette, which is contained in said stored operation information, from said cassette set into said automated teller machine, and also judges as to whether or not the operation is properly carried out based upon said acquired information.

Claim 11-12 (cancelled).

Claim 13 (original): An automated teller machine as claimed in Claim 1 wherein:
said control unit continuously monitors, or monitors in a constant time interval the information related to said cassette set to said automated teller machine.

Claim 14 (currently amended): An automatic teller machine equipped with a currency deposit/withdraw mechanism for depositing/withdrawing a currency, comprising:
a main body control unit for controlling said automatic teller machine; wherein:
said currency deposit/withdraw mechanism includes a currency deposit/withdraw port for depositing/withdrawing the currency; a discriminating unit for discriminating the currency deposited from said currency deposit/withdraw port; a temporary storage unit for temporarily

storing the currency discriminated by said discriminating unit; a plurality of cassettes for storing thereinto the currencies in accordance with said discrimination result and also detachably mounted on said currency deposit/withdraw mechanism; and also a control unit for controlling said currency deposit/withdraw mechanism, each of said cassettes storing cassette information which includes a cassette sort indicating a type of the cassette, country sort information indicating a country of paper currency received in the cassette and money sort indicating a money sort of the paper currency received in said cassette;

said control unit of said currency deposit/withdraw mechanism acquires said cassette information from said cassettes set to said currency deposit/withdraw mechanism and said discriminatable range information from said discriminating unit set to said currency deposit/withdrawal mechanism, and also transmits said acquired cassette information and said acquired discriminatable range information to said main body control unit; and

said main body control unit stores operation information which is set prior to operation of said automated teller machine, said operation information contains country sort information indicating an area of paper currency which said automated teller machine should handle and cassette structural information indicating structure of cassettes for paper currency arranged with said automated teller machine, said main body control unit acquires said cassette structural information transmitted from said control unit of said currency deposit/withdraw mechanism, and also transmits said operation information of said automated teller machine to said control unit of said currency deposit/ withdraw mechanism said main body control unit checking whether said information transferred from said control unit of said currency deposit/withdraw mechanism matches with said information stored in its own main body control unit, and vice versa, prior to operation.

Claim 15 (original): An automated teller machine as claimed in Claim 14 wherein:

either said main body control unit or said control unit of the currency deposit/withdraw mechanism continuously monitors, or monitors in a constant time interval mounting/dismounting of said cassettes which are set to said currency deposit/withdraw mechanism.

Claim 16 (original): An automated teller machine as claimed in Claim 15 wherein:
in the case that either said main body control unit or said control unit of the currency deposit/withdraw mechanism monitors to sense that said cassettes are again reset, said main body control unit again acquires said cassette information transmitted from said control unit, and also judges as to whether or not said acquired cassette information is suitable for said stored operation information of the automated teller machine.

Claim 17 (cancelled).

Claim 18 (currently amended): An automated teller machine as claimed in claim [[17]] 1 wherein:

in the case that said main body control unit judges that said acquired money sort information is suitable for said operation information, said main body control unit executes the operation of said automated teller machine based upon said operation information; and

in the case that said main body control unit judges that said acquired money sort information is not suitable for said operation information, said main body control unit notifies such a fact that said acquired memory sort information is not suitable for said operation information.

Claim 19 (cancelled).

Claim 20 (withdrawn): A centralized managing system comprising a plurality of automated teller machines; and a center apparatus for connecting said plurality of automated teller machines via a network to each other, wherein: said center apparatus acquires and manages both information indicative of a currency range which should be handled by each of said plural automated teller machines, and also information indicative of an amount of currencies which are stored in cassettes set to said plural automated teller machines.